

The data received from the States/Union Territories on the major water borne diseases, viz. cholera, acute diarrhoeal diseases (including gastro-enteritis), Viral Hepatitis and Enteric Fever do not indicate an increasing trend of the incidence of these diseases in the country. However, constant vigilance is being maintained and State Govts/U.T. Administrations provided necessary assistance and advice as and when the need arises.

#### **National Commission for Women**

\*291. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Commission for women;

(b) whether activities and national women's organisations are being consulted regarding framing of rules for the said commission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) No decision has yet been taken regarding the constitution of National Commission for Women.

#### **Project "Towards Freedom"**

\*292. DR. A. K. PATEL:

SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGEHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was the project "Towards Freedom" taken up by the Indian Council of Historical Research;

(b) the amount spent so far on this project;

(c) when was the project expected to be completed;

(d) the number of volumes of the project which have since been printed; and

(e) when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) On 20th August, 1973.

(b) Rs. 188 lakhs.

(c) The Project was expected to be completed in 1980.

(d) One volume.

(e) By 31st March 1994.

[*Translation*]

#### **Welfare of Women and Children**

\*293. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the new schemes under consideration of the Government for the welfare of women and children during the year 1991;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide special relief to the house-wives under the self employment scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government is considering some new initiatives for the development of women and children. These include integrated programmes for the development of women, the establishment of a National Credit Fund for Women and the setting up of the office of the Commissioner for Women's Rights which will benefit all categories of eligible women including house-wives. The Integrated Child Development Scheme is being extended to cover adolescent girls in selected blocks.